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In the claims:

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 2-5, 7 and 18 have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) An [The] isolated nucleic acid molecule [of claim 1, which is] selected from the group consisting of:

a) a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,

b) a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3,

c) a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_, [the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_; and

b)] d) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and

e) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_[, the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_, or the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number \_\_\_\_\_].

3. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim [1] 2 further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

4. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim [1] 2 further comprising nucleic acid sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

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5. (Amended) A host cell which contains the nucleic acid molecule of claim [1] 2.
6. (Reiterated) The host cell of claim 5 which is a mammalian host cell.
7. (Amended) A non-human mammalian host cell containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim [1] 2.
18. (Amended) A kit comprising a compound which selectively hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule of claim [1] 2 and instructions for use.